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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:

Japan 10-177134, filed June 24, 1998; and
Japan 10-177135, filed June 24, 1998.

Certified copies of the priority documents were submitted in parent Application No. 09/337,549, to which Applicants claim domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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